

HOUSE RESOLUTION 150

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate JB and Jo Doris Leftwich on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1939, JB and Jo Doris Leftwich were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich are highly respected citizens of the Lebanon community; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich made each other's acquaintance at Cumberland University where they were both students; and

WHEREAS, JB Leftwich graduated from Cumberland in 1941, but Jo Doris interrupted her education for a time to work for County Agent James Ward; and

WHEREAS, after several years, Mrs. Leftwich returned to college and began teaching; she earned her degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1968 and later returned to that institution to earn an additional degree in library science; and

WHEREAS, JB Leftwich began his illustrious career as an educator at Castle Heights Military Academy and remained associated with the school until it closed in 1986; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure at the school, Mr. Leftwich served as advisor to the Castle Heights student newspaper, *The Cavalier*, which won several statewide and national awards; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a county correspondent for *The Tennessean* and operated a photography business during this time; and

WHEREAS, to this day, Mr. Leftwich continues to write a weekly column for the *Lebanon Democrat*; and

WHEREAS, an educator of the utmost ability, empathy, and integrity, Jo Doris Leftwich spent the majority of her exceptional teaching career at Lebanon Junior High School and Sam Houston Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich have been dynamic forces in civic and community affairs over the years; and

WHEREAS, JB Leftwich has served with distinction as President of the Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Wilson County Library Board, a member of the Lions Club, and a member of the Jaycees, which he also served as a state officer; and

WHEREAS, Jo Doris Leftwich has served ably as President of United Methodist Women and is currently a member of La Coterie Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich express their devout Christian faith as members of First United Methodist Church; they both served in leadership roles and taught Sunday School at the church for many years; and

WHEREAS, JB and Jo Doris Leftwich have been recognized as Senior Citizens of the Wilson County Fair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich are most appreciative of the love, companionship, and support they share with their children and their spouses, Lynda and Glyn Ed Newton, Jim and Page Leftwich, Barbara and Jim Froula, and Jack and Lisa Leftwich, and their nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Leftwicks' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the family and friends of JB and Jo Doris Leftwich in celebrating this exemplary couple's seventieth wedding anniversary and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.